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Dear Old Paludians

Re: School Fund

I am writing to you to share information regarding the situation your old school finds itself in and to enlist your help.

It saddens me to say that funding for successful schools like ours has been reducing in real terms since 2011 in line with the Government's national priority to give additional funds to underperforming schools.

The stark reality is that the school's budget has been reduced by over one and a half million gradually since I first joined the school in 2010. The table below shows you how the cuts have affected us. The school has relied on the financial acumen of key members of staff to bring about savings and generate income as well as on the generosity of our parents, Governors and, yourselves, the Old Paludians' Association. This has allowed us to deliver the same high quality education and become even more successful academically.

Year	Total Funding	Per Pupil Funding
2010-11	£6,690,000	£6,000.00
2011-12	£6,015,000	£5,533.58
2012-13	£6,027,000	£5,632.71
2013-14	£5,882,000	£5,533.40
2014-15	£5,522,000	£5,112.96
2015-16	£5,195,000	£4,855.14
2016-17	£5,125,000	£4,789.72

We have a school fund which parents are invited to contribute £75 per year but as cuts continue I write to you to see if you can be of assistance.

You can help in several ways, such as:

- making a contribution to the school fund if you feel able to do so,
- getting involved in fund raising activities,
- putting the school in touch with potential donors, etc.

Your experience and connections can be of incredible value to us as it may help us at a time of great need. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you want to discuss how we can work together for the benefit of our school.



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On behalf of the students and staff of the school I want to thank you for all that you have done for the school over the years and in advance for your support.

Looking forward to hearing from you.



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